

HOUSE RESOLUTION 304

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor the life and legacy of Kimberly Christine Harper of Elizabethton.

WHEREAS, in expressing deep sorrow for the loss of a beloved member of our community, the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee wish to honor the memory of Kimberly Christine Harper, a person whose very life is an inspiration to those she has left behind; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Harper was the cherished daughter of Catherine D. Harper and John W. Harper and will be remembered as a most remarkable human being whose life was ended all too soon; and

WHEREAS, a native of Florida, Kimberly Harper relocated with her mother to her mother's hometown of Elizabethton, Tennessee in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harper was a senior at Elizabethton High School who was looking forward to her graduation in May of 2008 and attending college in the fall, where she planned to major in dance and drama; and

WHEREAS, a talented dancer, Kimberly aspired to dance on Broadway; she began taking tap and ballet dance lessons at the tender age of three and went on to also master jazz, rhythm musical theater, hip hop, and point; and

WHEREAS, she had received many awards and accolades for her dancing abilities, winning over 200 trophies, ribbons, and awards, and earning prestigious dance scholarships to New York and Las Vegas in recognition of her amazing talent; she was also awarded special trophies for having the most beautiful smile, mood expressive eyes, and the best technique in her dance competitions; and

WHEREAS, at her dance studio in Florida, Kimberly Harper showcased her dancing prowess as part of the Baby Boomers dance group and on the stages of county fairs, Disney World, and nursing homes; after moving to Tennessee, she resumed her dancing and initiated

dance competition at her studio in Johnson City, traveling all over the southeast for competitions; and

WHEREAS, always displaying her beautiful smile and sparkling personality, Ms. Harper lived her heart's desire and was a blessing to all who knew her, and her soaring spirit will be lovingly remembered; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly was an active and devout member of the South Side Christian Church, which she served faithfully as a valued member of the youth group; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Harper was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harper was a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Catherine and John Harper, who survive her, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Harper leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the valiant, values-driven, and deeply spiritual life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory and commend the legacy of Kimberly Christine Harper, a person for whom life was an adventure and a gift, and reflect fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our deepest sympathy and offer our most sincere condolences to the family of Kimberly Harper.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.